THE RECLATION BOARD - OCTOBER 19, 2007

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - Agenda Item No. 7

SUBJECT:

Easements with Kimball Hill Homes California, Inc. (Kimball) - River Walk Subdivision

LOCATION:

City of Stockton, San Joaquin County. South levee of the Calaveras River between Grange and Pershing Avenues. (site exhibit attached)

REQUEST:

- Staff requests a consent vote to grant an access easement to the River Walk Homeowners' Association (RHA) for access to the City of Stockton's easement for non-vehicular trail use over River Drive.
- Staff requests a consent vote to accept a levee maintenance easement along the south levee of the Calaveras River from Kimball Hills Homes California, Inc. without payment of compensation by the Board.

There is no enumeration involved with either easement requests.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

- Staff recommends the Board grant an access easement to RHA
- Staff recommends the Board accept an easement from Kimball.

JUSTIFICATION:

1) The access easement grants RHA access to the City's bike and pedestrian trail along River Drive. River Drive is located along the crown of the south levee of the Calaveras River at this location. The RHA would have the responsibility for maintenance of the easement. When the Board purchased the property upon which the levee and River Drive are located, the Board's ownership was subject to reservations benefiting the grantor and their successors. The reserved rights included water and riparian rights, recreational rights, and the right of reasonable access to enjoy those rights. Kimball is the successor in interest and enjoys those rights. Kimball has requested that the access easement be granted to RHA. The requested access easement is 2,379 square feet in size and is located adjacent to Lot C of the subdivision.

There would be no enumeration for this easement and maintenance would be the responsibility of the RHA.

2) Kimball is proposing to grant a levee maintenance easement to the Reclamation Board without cost. Kimball's engineers performed a land survey of the landward slope of the south levee of the Calaveras River adjacent to the River Walk Subdivision to determine if a ten foot wide maintenance area existed between the subdivision and the landward toe of the levee. The survey found several areas where there was less than ten feet. The proposed levee maintenance easement corrects this condition by granting easements over a portion of six of the subdivision lots. The easements range in size from 17 square feet to 813 square feet for a total of 1,734 square feet (0.04 acres).

The advantage to the Board to accept this easement is that it provides a 10-foot wide levee maintenance easements, without cost to the Board.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Reclamation Board Permit No. 18086 GM dated September 25, 2006 was issued for the construction of a concrete ramp and retaining wall to provide handicapped access to River Drive on the proposed access easement.

BACKGROUND:

The Board purchased the levee upon which River Drive is located in fee as part of the Mormon Slough III Project in 1971 from the Estate of Victor C. Santa Maria by grant deed. When the Board took ownership of the property, the grantor reserved water and riparian rights which included recreational rights and the right of reasonable access for themselves and their successors in interest. Kimball is the successor in interest to the Estate of Victor C. Santa Maria.

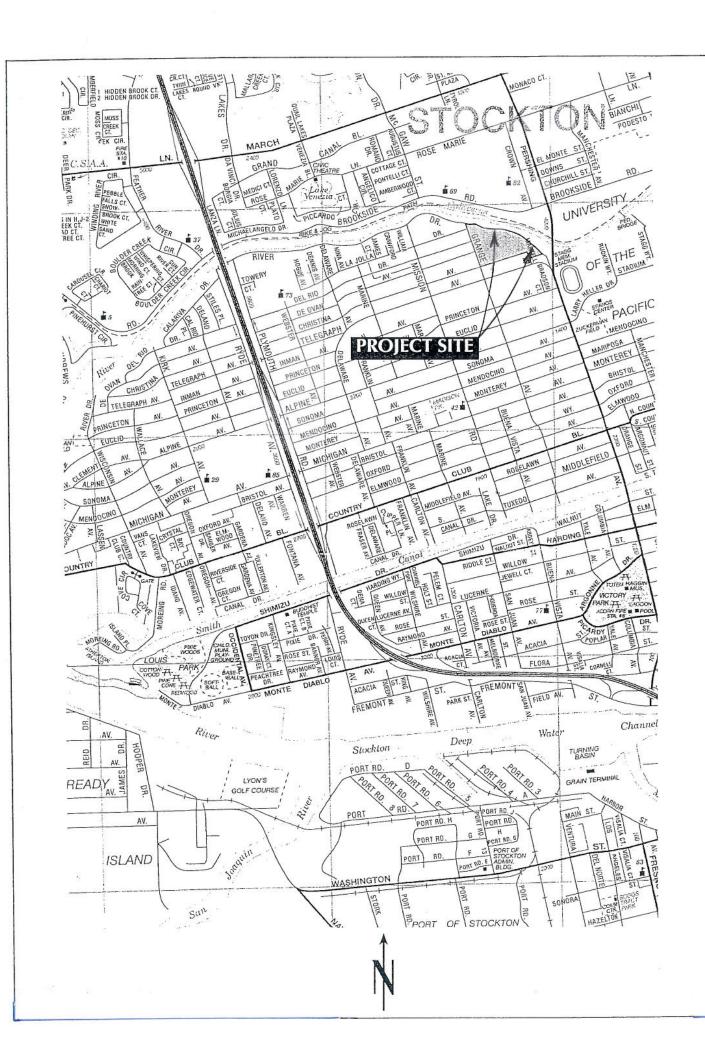
As part of the City of Stockton's Planning Commission subdivision approval, various conditions were placed on Kimball for the residential subdivision called River Walk. The two conditions impacting the Board are:

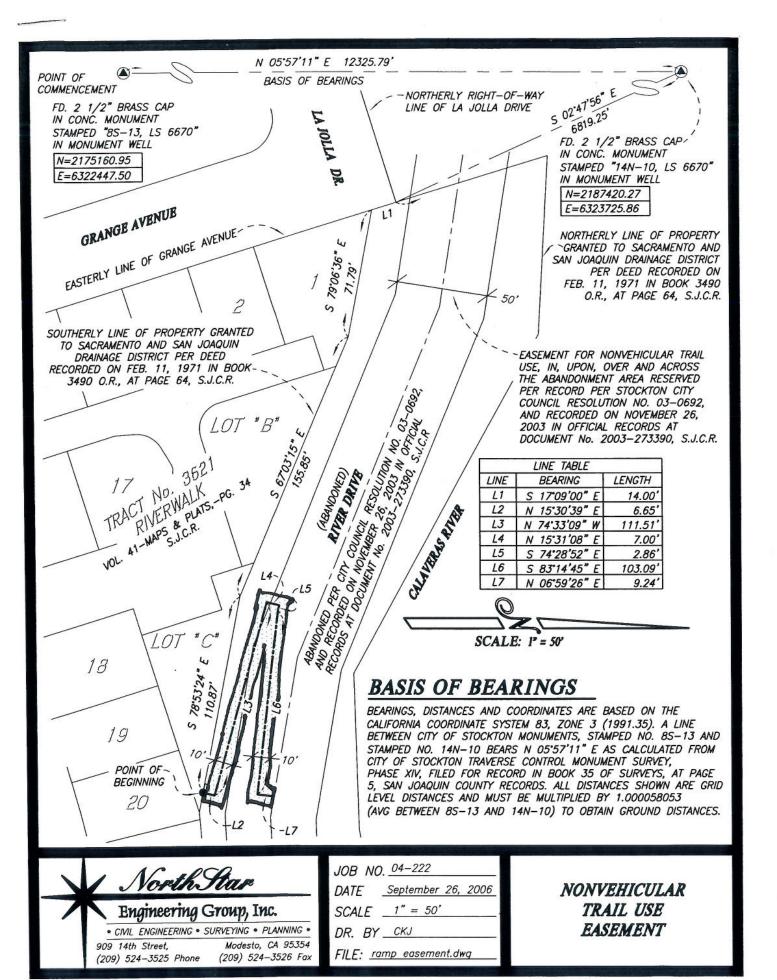
- 1) Kimball needed to assure there is a ten foot wide levee maintenance easement along the landward toe of the south levee of the Calaveras River.
- 2) The City of Stockton requires Kimball to obtain a recorded easement deed from the Board for access even though Kimball has the right of reasonable access across the Board's property.

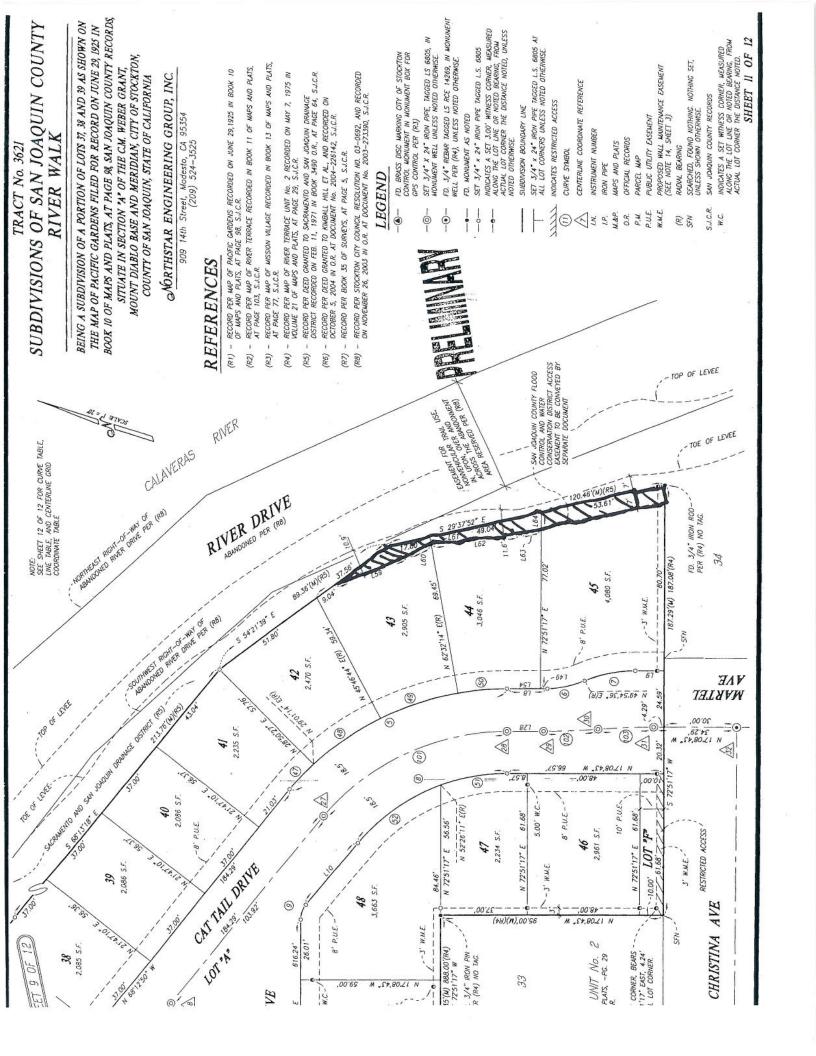
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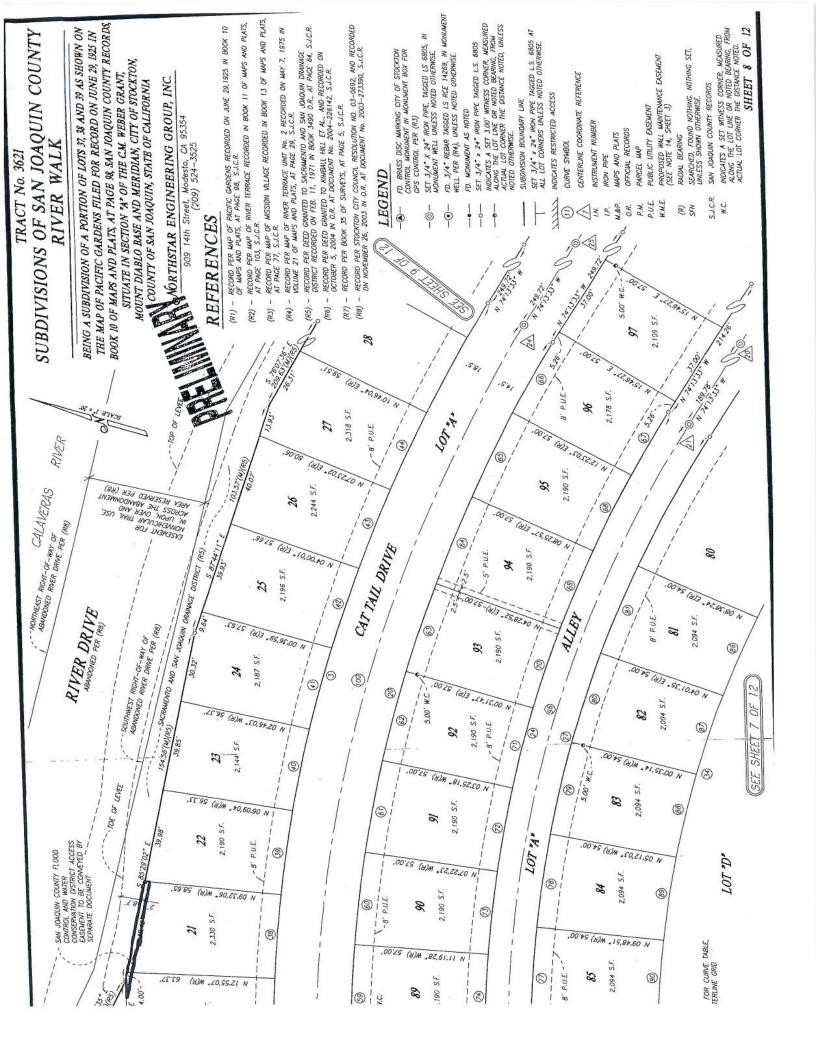
Maps showing:

Site of the River Walk subdivision
Area of the access easement on to River Drive
Areas of the maintenance easement at the toe of the levee
Easement deed to River Walk Homeowners' Association
Easement deed from Kimball Hill Homes California, Inc









PLACE HOLDER FOR:

LEVEE MAINTANCE EASEMENT DEED TO RIVER WALK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Document not available at time of publication.

PLACE HOLDER FOR:

LEVEE MAINTENANCE ACCESS EASEMENT FROM KIMBALL HILL HOMES OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

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EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SERVIENT TENEMENT

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